WEST VIRGINIA "SOUP." Comewhat Primitive Entertainment

Which Yields Lots of Fun. The clambake and chowder are World, Feathers of Fashion, and othand which are known by reputation, at about May 1. Send 10 cents to T. W. the west. But the kind of picnic known simply as "soun" is unfamiliar to the east and west alike; it is southern, and as yet is confined to a small pertion of West Virginia, although it mow bids fair to spread. The soup, which flourishes especially in the neighborhood of Shepherdstown, is certainly a very jolly, if rather too primitive, form of entertainment, Each person invited brings a dressed chicken, the host providing the vegetables. Poultry and vegetables are placed in targe kettles holding from ten to twenfy gallons, and the combination is socked over open fires for several hours, or until it is reduced to a jelly. Pepper and other seasonings are added, The girls and young men stir the soup with long-handled iron spoons, keeping wp a march or walk around the kettles as they do so. When a girl's spoon chicks against the spoon of a young man be is at morry to catch and kiss her. Of course there are a great many fan in the game. When the soup is done it is ladled out into plates and eaten. It is said to be delicious. The custom owes its origin to a company of Stonewall Jackson's men who were pecruited in that part of the state. These "ex-confeds" keep up their organization. They have a reunion once a year, at which they celebrate with a grand soup. It is said that soup properly got up should be made of stolen chickens, but the veterans had to give up foraging after the war and make a compromise by going about in squads and robbing each other's roosts by mutotal understanding. The last touch is the best of all- in fact, it is almost too good to be true. It leaves the reader with the larking doubt whether after all the savory and seductive soup origbasted with Stonewall Jackson's soldiers or in the brain of the ingenious Frank R. Stockton! - Youth's Compan-

'Possum Was Providential.

A live 'possum was discovered in a colored "meetin' house" in Mitchell county. The parson pronounced the benediction immediately, remarking: "Lijah wuz fed by ravers in de wilderness, en 'possum, on dis col' mawnan', is none de less providential!"-At-Manta Constitution.

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The Bicycle in Java. Java has taken to the bicycle and Ashed at Samarang busy.

-Stray Stories.

CHOST OF THE GLACIER and Other Tales, including Making a ture of the Elfs, Once a Pillar of the

wanna Railroad, 26 Exchange Place, New York City. Edition Limited.

The Newest Bible. pend his meeting.-Collier's Weekly.

There Is a Class of People. Who are injured by the use of coffee Recently there has been placed in all the grocery stores a new preparation called GRAIN-O, made of pure grains that takes the place of coffee. The most lively skirmishes and a great deal of | delicate stomach receives it without coffee. It does not cost over one-fourth as much. Children may drink it with great benefit. 15 cents and 25 cents per package, Try it. Ask for GRAIN-O.

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Private Papers Inviolate.

The New York assembly has passed the bill making it a misdemeanor to publish any letter, telegram or private paper found among the effects of any person who has been dangerously wounded, committed suicide or died suddenly unless the document is passed upon by the coroner and he has decided that publication is necessary.

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A Feeling of Exultation. Tom-So you have fallen in love? Dick-Not a bit of it. I have risen fifty per cent in my own estimation.

The Sarsaparilla that's used by Chinese and Hindu; in the bushes of Aus-

tralia and the wilds of South America; the Sarsaparilla that braces British and

Boer, and gives strength to French and German, Russian and Turk, -

A Good Listener.

There is one senator, writes a Wash-Revolution, Susquehanna Trail. Sculp- ington correspondent, who has not yet spoken a word, but whose personality has become of much interest to freforms of festivity which we of the east ers. A delightful volume, beautifully quenters of the galleries. Porter James have most of us at some time enjoyed, illustrated. Ready for distribution McCumber of North Dakota sits in the rear row on the Republican side. He is least, to our envious countrymen of Lee, General Passenger Agent, Lacka- the most regular attendant upon sessions that his side of the chamber has. No speech is so dreary that Mc-Comber does not sit it out. More than that, his face assumes a most serious He was an open air evangelical ex- and attentive aspect. From time to horter and was spell-binding his hear- | time the North Dakota man bends over ers by his learned disposition on the the writing pad on his desk and makes alternative of "salvation or damnation | a few notes. Then he raises his face the King James Bible or the Douay and watches the speaker intently. The Bible." In the audience was a citizen first time Senator McCumber took who had been imbibing freely and notes those who saw him were sure he whose patriotic sense overpowered his | was going to make some reply. But he religious feelings. This gentleman ap- didn't. He has taken notes every day, parently misunderstood the preacher, and he has not yet spoken. When the for he yelled: "Hooray for the Dewey | chamber is full and business is of gen-Bible!" The crowd took up the cry eral interest Senator McCumber's deand the exhorter was compelled to sus- votion to debate does not attract attention. But when some senator is simply killing time, and five-sixths of the seats are empty and nobody but Senator McCumber is listening, the action of the North Dakota statesman

Modern Way of Killing a Whale.

The old and romantic way of killing whales has died out. There is no longer the frail whaleboat, with the grizzled old harpooner in the bow to strike the whale, but instead a little steam craft and a powerful gun. This gun throws The Pennsylvania railroad has placed | a large iron harpoon, with crossarms an order for 105,000 tons of steel rails, which lie against the shaft until it for which it is to pay \$23 a ton, and strikes a solid body and then project deliveries have begun on this order, out and imbed themselves. The head In 1864 this road paid \$153.75 a ton in of this harpoon is cigar-shaped, and gold for iron rails and in 1863 it im- sharp-pointed, and explodes as it ported a lot of steel rails, for which pierces the whale's side, generating a it paid \$218.53 a ton. These were the gas, which serves to keep the fish afloat maximum rates ever pald in this coun- after the wrecking effect of the shock on its internal organs has left it a lifeless man. A stout rope is attached to the butt of the harpoon, and by We offer One Hundred Dollars reward for any | this the whale is kept in leash as it t...rashes madly through the water in a vain effort to escape its unknown ensometimes happens, the projectile goes through the fish from side to side. when a second shot is necessary.

Poison in Natmegs.

Cases are not infrequently reported in which children, and sometimes grown persons, are poisoned by the free use of nutmegs, it not being generally known that this article of common household use is really a deadly poison. This is true, in fact, of most condiments; but the misuse of these articles, such as pepper, capsicum, etc., are so obnoxious to the taste, except when taken in very minute quantities. that the consumer is warned in a very positive manner before he has an opportunity to do himself serious injury. This is not the case, however, with the nutmeg. This nut, which contains a poisonous principle, may be consumed without inconvenience, in quantities sufficient to produce fatal results.

One After the Other.

All our senses do not slumber simultaneously. They fall into insensibility one after another. First the eve-The highest Prussian court has de- lids obscure sight, and the sense of cided that the American title of "doc- taste is the next to lose susceptibility. tor" can not be used in Prussia with- Smelling, hearing and touch then folkeeps a factory that has been estab- out a special permit from the govern- low. Touch is the lightest sleeper and most easily aroused.

THE THOUSAND-DOLLAR BILL

A MYSTERY OF THE UNITED STATES TREASURY-A SHORT STORY BY LEONARD OUTRAM

"Then, father, you alone know?"

made up. Mrs. Lawson was highly in-

"I counted the Ranchers' packet my-

"If one is missing," began Bertha,

"Missing? No, nothing is missing

at all. There is said to have been

So many miracles had happened that

day that poor Bertha could only gape

at her in astonishment. It was an

anomaly in arithmetic that one taken

from one hundred should leave one

hundred and one. There came anoth-

er summons to the Treasurer. Another

report had come in of an error from

Mrs. Lawson's desk. The old lady was

almost in tears but she carried it off

science money knocking about, or Mrs.

surplus thousand-dollar bill, sir?"

Bertha Hackett brings a mascot to the

treasury," said she, "Is this another

But this was the shortage which Ed-

mond and Mr. Loring had reported.

and it was happily met by the excess

in the other packet. So, beyond an

admonition tempered in mercy for the

manifest distress of the girl, Bertha

got into no trouble. She held stoutly

providence when discussing the matter

"I reckon Providence don't supply

from 100 to 50 inclusive, and that left

But why didn't you tell Mrs. Lawson

"Fact is, Edmond, that combination

chatter of ours had got into my brain.

I thought Wilton had pinched a bill,

and I reckoned to do more for my

brother than Daddy would do for his

"Ha!" observed old Caleb, filling his

pipe. 'Duty first, family afterwards,

(The end.)

Bolting Our Food,

There is undoubtedly a great deal to

be said in favor of the opinion that a

considerable portion of the illness in

this country is caused by the unpleas-

ant habit of eating too rapidly. Of

coure we all know, and have at times

a very painful experience of, the fact,

that this is a high-pressure age, and

all is done at express speed, but this

that he has only a few minutes to de-

Improved the Opportunity.

to be a police Magistrate in Chicago

raigned before the justice charged with

was arrested he showed fight and had

Peter Foote, long since dead, used

"Either there must be some con-

but the senior lady interrupted her.

self,' 'said she, "I am positive there

were exactly a hundred bills."

should know besides vourself?"

"I-and one other."

your own child-'

report.

servant of the State."

(Conclusion.) An hour later Edmond Hackett sat amazement and dismay, fell down at a this desk in the department of the her father's feet and confessed that

and recounting a packet of 1,000-dollar stolen the missing bill. She hurriedly bills. They were old and frayed, rag- stated the miraculous chance that had ged and discolored, and belonged to put Edmond in a position to save her, the issues of long ago. They were only and inferring from her father's knowlhalf notes, moreover-the lower edge of the affair, that the man who halves; and each fragment of paper had detected the shortage had confided had two big holes punched in it by a to him his daughter's responsibility blunt instrument, totally destroying with a view of screening her, besought the signatures which had made it him to accept the friendly overture. money, and at the same time reducing "I would permit no man's dishonor the half-note to the merest remnant. One by one Edmond turned over ed. "For what you have done, you these morsels of dirty paper, count- must pay the penalty. Your impossible

ing them most carefully. "Forty-one, forty-two, forty-three, As the counter-check came to your forty-four, forty-five, forty-six, forty- husband in his department, so it has seven, forty-eight, forty-nine! There come to me in the Register's. It was are not fifty here! And yet they've I myself who caught the short packet been passed as fifty in the Redemption which you had signed for. Office. Humph! Awkward for one of those clever ladies. A thousand-dollar giving. bill missing. Poor Mrs. Lawson. Infallible Mrs. Lawson! It must be she

who's in for this," Taking up his pen to make out the aghast. "Who in your department report, he gianced at the wrapper upon which appeared the number of bills it was supposed to contain and the ini- a face of adamant. tials of the lady-examiner who in the Redemption Office had counted and made herself responsible for the packet's accuracy. "What!" The pen dropped from his fingers. "B. H. Great Heaven!" That was the signature of his own wife.

CHAPTER III. Now this error would mean more than discredit and a consequent check in Bertha's future promotion. It was a rule that the examiner who overlooked a counterfeit or missing bill should make good the value of it. To make good a thousand dollars would pretty well ruin the Hacketts and old father Caleb into the bargain. But it was his duty to make his report instantly to the Secretary, and with painful reluctance he filled up the prescribed but seldom requisitioned form. With slow, dragging steps, he proceeded with it to the Secretary's private room, but halted with his hand on the door. Suddenly that frivolous gossip on the veranda rushed into his memory. Had Wilton Loring-had Bertha herself stole the missing bill? What then? Should he turn conspirator and cover the fraud? No, no, his duty was clear. He would not allow himself to hesitate. but knocked at the door and entered. But there was no respite for him and for his wife. The Treasurer himself with a show of jocosity. was closeted with the Secretary.

"One moment, Mr. Hackett! I'm engaged," was the sharp peremptory dismissal, and he perforce withdrew postponing the declaration. As he returned stupefied to his desk a clock struck the hour of his luncheon interval. It was the custom of the family to meet at home for their midday meal. locked up the report and rushed out of the Treasury. Flying home on a cable car, he found his wife there before him. Bertha sat at the table like to a theory of the intervention of one in a dream. She did not raise her eyes from the food that stood untouched before her. Edmond himself could pious fancy away. not swallow a morsel, but furtively watched his wife while the negress cheating clerks with thousand-dollar who waited on them tarried in the bills," said he, "You divided the packroom. The moment they were alone he et of 100 in two of 50, as you thought, leant across the table and whispered But you counted the first backward.

"You passed a packet today-a pack- only forty-nine for the second packet. et of Thousands.' The young wife looked up with a you made one short?"

start of surprise. The fear that was

written in her troubled face gave way to a flash of desperate hope. "It came to you?" "One bill is missing."

"Thank God you can pass it!" little girl." No word of denial. She caught his

recoiling hand across the table. "For my sake-for your Bertha's and roguery never at any time, under sake-you will, you will!"

Edmond Hackett raised his other hand to his damp forehead. "Impossible, child-impossible! You must be saved another way-if it be not too late. Find the missing bill among some papers, as if an accident

stantly!" "I cannot, Edmond. I haven't the

had placed it there. But, whatever you

do, put it forward instantly, in-

"You did not steal it? Oh, forgive me! Heaven be thanked for that! It's an oversight, then? Bad enough, but surely ought not to be the case with not beyond repair. Make out your re- our meals. It is interesting, but not port at once, and send it in. You are a pretty, to watch the business man "I cannot do that, Edmond. It would luncheon. It is with him looked upon be to east suspicion upon the cashier who forwarded the bills to the Treas- pleasure. He must eat, and he feels | never growing bigger."

"That is his affair. If the packet was vote to the operation, so that he may short when you counted it-"

"Edmond, why will you not ignore speed. He attacks his food savagely, the shortage? By a miracle it is in gulps down his beer or wine, and when your power to prevent the discovery." the last sad rites are over he pays and

"How not in your power? The pack- from beginning to end. Every doctor et will go from your hands to the com- will tell you that people should eat mittee, who do not count it again; and by them it will be deposited in the macerator, to be ground into pulp. It shall live longer and enjoy better would never be known that forty-nine | health and greater ability to cope with instead of fifty bills had been destroy- the world.

"Bertha, you forget the other half. I have only a portion of the bills. The upper section of your packet went to the Register's office to be counted

Bertha Hackett grew white as death, show it. One day a dudishly attired and hot tears sprang in her eyes. "We are ruined!" she cried, "unless, Edwards, and plainly betokening by unless-" Her glance from the win- his speech that he hadn't been long dow perceived Caleb Loring entering from the shores of England, was arthe house. "Here is father! He will find out who had the count at the Reg- lounging about the parks. When he

ister's." But the old man knew already. They to be dragged into the patrol box. read it in his face as he confronted "E 'urted me feelin's badly, your worthem, closing the door. Whatever ship," said the prisoner, when in the hope he had cherished on his home- dock the following morning. "E 'it ward way that he might find Bertha me on the sole of me fute an"- "I unconscious of the storm that threat- don't think you've any feelings in your ened was dashed to the ground the soul," growled the sympathizer of moment he perceived her and her hus- downtrodden Ireland. "And, another band's agitation. The memory of that thing, you must remember you're in evening on the veranda burned in his America now. In England you object mind, and in a fury of rage he de- to an Irishman wearing the green.

manded, fiercely: it? Or has Wilton-No. no. For God's cut the fine down to a "bob." - Chicago all deadened." - Chicago Times-Hersake don't tell me it is my son!"

THE FILIPINO BUFFALOS.

The Wild Ones When Tamed Exhibit

Marvelous Strength.

The wild buffaloes of the Philippines come from the interior, where many natives spend their time in capturing Then Bertha, to her husband's and taming them. It takes a long time to tame the wild creatures and break Secretary of the Treasury, counting she, she had yielded to temptation and | them into service. Some old bulls absolutely refuse to be tamed, and they show their resentment for capture up to the time of their death. Most of those in service are born and bred in captivity, and the young calves are very easily trained for use. Still enough of the wild caraboas are caught every year to keep the stock from degenerating. They take to civilized life much more readily than our American for the sake of me or mine," he declarbison, resembling in this respect the true water buffalo of India. The strength of these animals is marvelcombination has actually come to pass, ous. In respect to size, strength and ponderousness, they resemble the elephant more than any other creature. They simply haul anything that is hitched behind them, and it is the shaft or traces that break if the load cannot Bertha clasped her hands in thanksbe moved. Across all sorts of rough and miry country they pull the load. Although they have not the sure footing of the mule in climbing steep and "One other?" repeated Bertha, rough mountains and hills, they are better in the soft, miry lowlands which compose so large a portion of "My chief," replied the old man, with the Philippines. When angered and running away they dash across the "You have reported it, knowing that country with their heavy loads as if It were so much light, flimsy cotton. "Certainly. Fraud or oversight; Not only are they then regardless of yours or your brother's; it was not for what is behind them, but also of what me to consider. I am, first of all, a may rear itself in front. Be it a river. a fence, ditch or jungle, or another They went back to the Treasury, cart, the maddened animal plunges where Edmond at once delivered his blindly through or across it, and never halts until disabled or its anger has Bertha found Mrs. Lawson impaevaporated. In the latter case it then tiently awaiting her. The Treasurer suddenly becomes a meek and docile had sent for the Head of the Redempas before. If whipped for its mistion Division to investigate an error in deeds, its meek eyes seem to ask why one of the packets which Bertha had it is punished, and they look as inno-

> A BLIND RAILROAD PORTER. Handles Freight, Puts Out the Switch

cent as those of a child or a deer.

Lights and Seals Freight Cars. There is a blind negro employed at the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley station at Shelby, Miss., who is certainly a wonder, says the Memphis Commercial-Appeal. The darkey's name is Marshall Bright. He is totally bereft of the power of sight. Notwithstanding this physical hindrance Marshall attends to all the duties of a porter around the station. He handles freight, puts out switch lights and seals freight cars as correctly as any person could do who is blessed with good sight. In fixing the switch lights in the evening he adjusts the flame of the lamp by passing his finger over the blaze. His sense of touch is so acute that he can tell just when the lampwick is properly adjusted. Bright has been employed around the station for a number of years and although he is constantly around the railroad tracks he has had but one mishap. Several years ago, before he became thoroughly familiar with the trains, he was brushed off the track by a slowly moving train He was not hurt, though, by the acci-

Japanese Gardening. The Japanese have the art of dwarfing trees to mere shrubs, and of cultivating plants in a similar way. The people take great delight in their

miniature gardens, which require a special gardener to keep them down to desired limits. The author of "On Short Leave to Japan," writes: "A Japanese garden is generally about ten yards square, and in this small space is found a park and demesne, with lake, summer house, temples, trees, all complete, and all in keeping with the dimensions available. The lake is four feet long and full of small goldfish. On the border stands a pine tree, exactly eighteen inches high and fifty years old, beneath its shade is a temple carved out of one piece of stone, the size of a brick. On a lofty crag of some two and a half feet stands fine maple tree, perfect in form and shape, fifteen years old and twelve inches high. We bought three of these miniature trees later-a maple, a pine and a bamboo clump-each about fifteen years old and eighteen inches to two feet high, growing in shallow dishes. We were told of a complete garden, contained in a shallow two-dozen wine case. Everything was complete, down to the fish in the lake, a sheet of water only a few inches square, and the foot bridges over the watercourses. Tea houses there were, each about six inches high. Old as the hills these, but full of vitality, and yet

Religious Fanaticism.

be back at his office with all possible A dispatch frem Apaldoorn, Holland, gives particulars of a terrible tragedy arising out of religious fanaticism. There exists in the neighborbolts-in fact, it is a case of bolting | hood a peculiar sect, and its members decided to offer up a sacrifice to God preceded by a service of praise, in slowly, and occupy the time pleasantly which two young girls led the singing. with conversation. In this way we While the service was proceeding, one of the congregation, a peasant farmer, seized his woman servant and killed her, following this up by mucdering the two girls and his wife. The worshipers made no attempt whatever to interfere with the fiendish work, and even gazed calmly on while the murderer washed his hands in the blood of Foote was intensely Irish and loved to his victims. He has since been arrested by the police. young fellow calling himself Frederick

Novel and Costly Fad. The duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gothe has the finest collection of model ships in the world. They are nearly all made of silver and are perfect in every detail. As a boy the duke took a keen delight in modeling vessels, a pastime which with him really became an art. His collection of "silver ships" is constantly being added to, not only by private purchase, but by those who know what may be considered to the duke's hobby.

Helpless, He-"Would you scream if I were to Here we object to Englishmen lying take you in my arms and kiss you?" "Daughter, what infernal thing is on it; \$1 and costs." And the justice | She-"What good would that do? Papa this you've been doing? Are you mad? pinched himself to look unconcerned and mamma are away, and the walls Have you turned thief? Is Edmond in while the Briton begged the clerk to and floors and ceilings of this flat are

Pursuer and Pursued.

A man was going home to his wife and family. It was growing dark. His road from the station was a lonely one, and he was getting along as fast as he could, when he suddenly suspected that a man behind was following him purposely. The faster he went, the faster the man went, until they came to a churchyard. "Now," he said to himself, "I'll find out if he's after me," and he entered the churchvard. The man followed him. Vague visions of revolvers grew upon him. He made a detour of a splendid mansoleum. Still the man was after him, round and round. At last he turned and faced the fellow, and asked: "What the dickens do you want? What are you followng me for?" "Well, sir, do you always go home like this? I am going up to Mr. Brown's house with a parcel, and the porter at the station told me that if I'd follow you I should find the place, as you live next door. Are you

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